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Thieves join in cycling spirit

Police issue warning.
Sergeant says increase in thefts may be due to more and better bikes

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Despite the rain, bike racks were full in Gastown on Tuesday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Cyclists using cheap chains to secure their bikes might want to buy pricier U-Locks.

Bike thefts are on the rise in Vancouver, police announced Tuesday as part of a campaign to address an increase in the swiping of unattended items.

Thieves have ridden away a reported 1,804 bicycles so far this year, a 13 per cent increase from this time last year, said Sgt. Randy Fincham.

That's on top of an 11 per cent increase in bicycle thefts in 2013 and a 19 per cent jump in 2012.

Police believe the real numbers are even higher, since many thefts go unreported by people who think their bikes cannot be found.

The increase in theft could be due to more people riding bikes — a record number of Vancouverites used bike lanes this summer, according to city data — or people riding higher-quality bikes that are more tempting to thieves, Fincham said.

The largest number of bicycles — about 800 — are stolen in July and August when more people hit the streets on two wheels.

Police are aware of individuals and organized groups that actively target hot spots in Downtown and Stanley Park to steal bikes, which are usually broken down into parts and shipped out of Vancouver.

Officers leave bait bikes at these high-theft locations to try to catch thieves in action.

"You could find a bait bike sitting on any street corner any day of the year," Fincham said.

Despite their efforts, the rate of thefts continue to rise. Only about 10 per cent of bikes recovered by police are returned to their owners.

Fincham recommends cyclists ditch their chain locks for U-Locks or, better yet, U-Locks combined with cables looped through the front wheel. Since those are the most challenging to break, they act as a deterrent and encourage thieves to move on to easier targets.

Police are also reminding people to record their bikes' serial numbers, which makes recovery much easier for investigators, and to keep an eye on all their personal property.

While crime is down in general in Vancouver, police have seen an uptick in thefts of wallets, purses and cellphones from libraries, coffee shops, bars and food courts.

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FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TODAY

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A fisherman in Nanoose Bay rescued a juvenile bald eagle earlier this month when he found it floundering in the water. Don Dunbar posted the meeting with the most unusual fishing partner he's ever had on YouTube.

2 CITY TALK

Andy Yan, senior urban planner with Bing Thom Architects, presents: Vancouver and the 21st Century at the Djavad Mowafaghian Cinema tonight at 7 p.m. Yan takes a look at aspects of Vancouver life through social statistics and community cartography.

3 BIG SODA TAKING ON OBESITY?

Coke, Pepsi and Dr Pepper have announced plans to reduce the calories Americans get from beverages by 20 per cent over the next decade by more aggressively marketing smaller sizes, bottled water and diet drinks.

4 FARRELL, VAUGHN GO TO THE NOIR SIDE

HBO has confirmed that Colin Farrell and Vince Vaughn will both star in the second season of True Detective. Farrell will play a detective and Vaughn a career criminal.

5 X MARKS THE RETURNING MUTANTS

James McAvoy, Jennifer Lawrence and Michael Fassbender are confirmed for X-Men: Apocalypse, set to arrive in cinemas in May 2016 and again directed by Bryan Singer.

How did monitoring of Caissie fall apart? Review underway

Serena Vermeersch case. 'Better way' to protect public needed, says attorney general

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There needs to be a better way to ensure the public is protected from dangerous offenders, B.C.'s justice minister said Tuesday after a violent sex offender was charged with the murder a 17-year-old Surrey girl who went missing while walking home last week.

Attorney General Suzanne Anton said a review is already underway of the monitoring procedures of Raymond Lee Caissie, 43, who was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Serena Vermeersch.

The teenager's body was found near train tracks in Surrey a day after her mother reported her missing.

Police had issued a public warning last year about Caissie being a high-risk offender when he was released from prison after serving his entire 22-year sentence for a repeated sex assault at knifepoint and the robbery of a young woman in Abbotsford.

Anton said the preliminary results of the review into the handling of the case indicate "that the stringent and significant monitoring processes in place were followed — but that is simply not good enough."

"We need to find a better way to ensure the public is protected from dangerous offenders … and it's a matter that I will be discussing with the RCMP and my federal colleagues," Anton said in a statement Tuesday.

"The worst thing that could happen is for a tragedy like this not to result in some meaningful discussions to see how we collectively can address these situations in a much better way."

Rob Gordon, a criminologist at Simon Fraser University, said the teen's death is a "tragedy of the first order" and believes there should have been better monitoring and surveillance of the high-risk offender.

High-risk sex offender Raymond Caissie was charge Monday with the murder of Serena Vermeersch in Surrey. COURTESY RCMP

He acknowledged that the Crown sought and was granted a court order upon Caissie's release in June 2013 that imposed strict supervisory terms and conditions to monitor the high-risk sex offender in the community.

Gordon suggested there should have been more surveillance and monitoring after Caissie breached his conditions last November, which resulted in Caissie serving an additional three months in jail and a three-year probation order.

There should have been 24-hour surveillance of the sex offender, he said, although he acknowledged insufficient police resources could result in police not conducting continuous surveillance.

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Lawyer calls for full-time street-vending market

Prohibition upheld by judge. Defenders of practice say it helps people unable to make ends meet to survive

The City of Vancouver needs to establish a full-time street vending market to avoid criminalizing poverty by handing out bylaw tickets in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, a lawyer suggested Tuesday.

Lawyer Douglas King of Pivot Legal Society said there have been discussions with the city to run a street vendor market in an empty lot at 68 East Hastings St., so people struggling to make ends meet could make a few extra bucks to survive.

"Why do we criminalize this behaviour in the Downtown Eastside for the poorest people who can't afford to pay fines?" asked King. "It doesn't make sense."

Pivot launched a constitutional challenge of Vancouver's street vending law on behalf of four people who received tickets last year. The tickets carry fines of $250.

On Tuesday, Vancouver provincial court Judge William Yee upheld the street vending prohibition, ruling that the bylaw does not violate the constitutional rights of street vendors.

The defendants and their supporters were upset by the ruling and began shouting in court once the judge finished reading his decision.

"Shame on you! Disgusting!" one shouted.

The judge, however, reduced the $250 fines to $1 for each defendant.

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People buy and sell items at the street-vending market on Carrall Street in Vancouver Downtown Eastside on April 13. MATT DESOUZA/METRO FILE

Kamloops. 'Bored' mayoral hopeful seeks to make politics not so boring

Being bored and unemployed has led a Kamloops man to seek the mayor's job in the upcoming civic election as he plans to stomp out boredom in politics.

"I'm bored," said 30-year-old Ben James, who is known for picking up dirty syringes around a park.

"I've got nothing else to do and Kamloops needs a new mayor. We need some fresh blood in this town."

James, who made an unsuccessful bid as city councillor in 2008, said he thinks his campaign could capture the interest of 70 per cent of eligible voters who didn't cast a ballot in the last election.

"There's a reason why people don't vote for these elections," he said. "They're terribly boring, right? It's the exact same people running for the exact same positions. If you look at the council, it's hardly changed at all over the years."

James said he believes people who don't vote are turned off by the city's political culture.

While he didn't have a specific platform yet, James said he hopes to shake up the city, where voters will be heading to the polls in November.

His two opponents are Mayor Peter Milobar and a candidate who calls herself Mr. Open Pitbelly and straps a model of an open-pit mine to her stomach to illustrate job creation through environmental disaster.

James became known last year for collecting and disposing of discarded needles that his neighbours were too scared to pick up.

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Shake it up

"Kamloops is a great place to live but it's plagued by convention."
Ben James

Cormorant Island

RCMP search for stolen First Nations mask

Mounties are investigating the theft of a mask that holds historical and cultural significance to a group of First Nations off the northern B.C. coast.

Const. Andrew Curtis says the mask was stolen last Friday from someone's shed in Alert Bay on Cormorant Island on the Inside Passage between Vancouver Island and the mainland.

Curtis says the art piece depicts the supernatural bird Huxhukw, and is one of three bird masks used by the Kwakwaka'wakw peoples during winter ceremonies.

The stolen mask RCMP/HANDOUT

The stolen mask has a five-foot-long beak, and is painted in bright colours.

Police believe whoever has the mask now may try to sell it to a private collector or a gallery, and Curtis is urging anyone with information to contact the RCMP.

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Fraser Surrey Docks

New Westminster seeks to intervene in coal facility's suit

People protest the coal export project at Fraser Surrey Docks, October 2013. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

The City of New Westminster wants in on a legal battle against a controversial coal export facility in Surrey.

The city announced Tuesday it intends to apply for intervener status in legal action against the Fraser Surrey Docks proposed coal facility, which received approval from Port Metro Vancouver in August.

Environmental group Ecojustice filed a judicial review against the project last week, alleging the port was biased in its decision and failed to consider the climate impacts of the project.

"Due to New Westminster's close proximity to the proposed facility, we have serious concerns with respect to the environmental, health and safety risks that could result from this project," Mayor Wayne Wright said in a statement.

Fraser Surrey Docks plans to build a facility to handle four million metric tonnes of U.S. thermal coal annually. Once the $15-million facility is complete in fall 2015, one train with 125 cars full of coal will arrive for shipment to Texada Island daily.

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Overdose risk doubles on welfare day: Study

UHRI. Alternative approaches to delivering income assistance to be tested in upcoming study

Recipients of income assistance who use drugs are at more than two times the risk of overdose on cheque day, according to a new study.

The Urban Health Research Initiative (UHRI) at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS published its latest findings in The International Journal of Drug Policy after tracking welfare recipients at the supervised injection facility Insite.

Researchers found that the risk of overdose was more than double as likely when people received their monthly cheque on the last Wednesday of the month, or immediately after.

The risk doesn't necessarily come from an increased number of injections, "but rather riskier injections taking place at the time," the study found.

The findings are consistent with increases in activity at emergency departments and police service demands on or after cheque day.

The lead author of the study, Dr. Thomas Kerr, said in a statement that the findings are "a strong justification for exploring alternative approaches to how income assistance is delivered in B.C."

Those alternative approaches will be tested during an upcoming UHRI study, funded federally by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, to examine the impact of changing the timing of income assistance distribution.

Recruitment is scheduled to begin in spring 2015, and will see some study participants receive income assistance bi-weekly instead of monthly and also examine whether depositing the money directly into credit union accounts would have an impact alleviating some risk.

Partners in the research study will include the Portland Hotel Society Community Services, Vancity, Vancouver Coastal Health and the Vancouver police department.

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Access-to-info too slow: Watchdog

'Alarming.' Nearly half of all requests to one ministry weren't answered in time

Outdated government policies on sharing and managing information are choking off thousands of information requests made by British Columbians every year, says a report released Tuesday.

Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham said her report raises concerns about backward steps worsening delays in the legislated 30-business-day deadline to complete access-to-information requests.

The 67-page report, Backwards: Report Card on Government's Access to Information Responses, states that in the past two years on-time access-to-information responses have dropped from 93 per cent to 74 per cent.

The four government ministries with the lowest on-time response rates were: Justice, 72 per cent; Energy and Mines, 66 per cent; Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, 65 per cent; and Ministry of Children and Family Development, 52 per cent.

"This is an alarmingly low statistic that reveals that for nearly half of all access requests, (the children's ministry) is taking too long," stated the report.

Denham said she's also troubled by the government's record management and the deletion of emails that staff consider short-term in nature.

The report makes seven recommendations, including ensuring government builds access and privacy into any new information-management system.

"What this speaks to is the need for British Columbia to develop a modern, statutory framework for information management that addresses the full life-cycle of a record," the report stated.

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Who will rule the roost?
Many city-bird voters not voting in civic election

Voting is for the birds.

About 40 per cent of people who voted in Vancouver's first city-bird contest this spring do not intend to vote in the upcoming civic election, according to a survey posted on Talk Vancouver, the city's online poll website.

The poll was conducted to assess the wildly successful city-bird competition, which garnered nearly five times as many votes as were cast in the 2011 municipal election.

The Black-Capped Chickadee won with 277,924 online votes, while Mayor Gregor Robertson was elected with 77,005 votes in 2011.

The poll not only asked about the success of the competition — most respondents twittered with delight over the city's move to build awareness about birds — but also asked whether these voters would take part in the Nov. 15 municipal election.

Most of the 116 people surveyed who don't intend to vote explained it was because they aren't eligible, with comments suggesting many people voted from outside city limits. A few simply weren't interested in voting for people.

Final comments on the competition were overwhelmingly positive.

"A great way to increase awareness about birds in the city. I would have loved to see a tie-in with registering to vote in the upcoming election, though," one voter wrote. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Northern Gateway

MP seeks ban on supertankers off the North Coast

NDP MP Nathan Cullen is taking aim at the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline proposal by introducing legislation that calls for a ban on supertankers off B.C.'s North Coast.

The bill also aims to give communities a stronger voice in pipeline reviews, the MP said in a news release Tuesday.

"(The federal government is) failing to look at the long-term economic and environmental impact of Northern Gateway, and that's what this bill aims to finally fix," said Cullen in the release.

The Skeena-Bulkley Valley MP is also taking his Take Back Our Coast tour across B.C. to give people a chance to have their say about his bill. METRO

Surrey

Mayoral candidate wants all officers on street in wake of recent violence

Former Surrey mayor and current mayoral hopeful Doug McCallum called for an emergency city council meeting Tuesday in the wake of a pair of shootings and the murder of a 17-year-old.

McCallum criticized the current mayor and council, who are in Whistler attending a conference of the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

He suggested council make an emergency request to put all available RCMP members on the street, instead of behind desks.

"Simplistic safety warnings to be vigilant are a complete cop-out," McCallum said in a release. METRO

Tent city staying despite weather and offer of lodging

'Shelters are not housing.' Oppenheimer Park inhabitants refuse to move until they get permanent homes

Inhabitants of the ongoing occupation at Vancouver's Oppenheimer Park appear unmoved by autumn rain or promises of new shelter space.

More than 200 homeless people occupy a tent city in the Downtown Eastside green space, which began as a demonstration camp for more affordable housing in late July.

Tuesday, the official start of fall, brought gusts of wind and rain to the camp, along with a fresh offer from the City of Vancouver to move people into 70 new temporary shelter spaces as weather deteriorates.

But most occupiers — who have also faced mounting tension and frustration within the camp as it approaches its fourth month — continue to insist they will only leave for permanent social housing.

To date, 40 homeless campers have been transitioned into existing housing, according to the city.

Brody Williams, who has been acting as spokesperson on behalf of campers with their dealings with the city, said a small handful of people took the city up on their offer of temporary shelter Monday night but some of them have already returned to camp.

"Shelters are not housing, right? That's just pushing the problem under the mat," said Williams. "A lot of people say they'll stay here through thick and thin until their needs are met."

Agatha Reid explains how she's attempted to keep her belongings dry as autumn begins at the ongoing tent city in Vancouver's Oppenheimer Park on Tuesday. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Agatha Reid has been living at the park for two weeks, and spent part of Tuesday setting up a tarp over her tent to keep her belongings dry.

She said previous experiences in temporary shelters made her feel like she was being forced to "jump through hoops."

"I liked it there but it was only for a certain amount of time," said Reid. "The tent I have here, I only paid $5 for, so I'd rather be here. There's security that comes around at night to keep people safe."

Her priority, she said, was finding a permanent home.

"I need to start looking for warm housing because it's starting to get cold here at night," she said. "I'm going to find out what happens from here, but I want housing."

For now, the city is offering to assist people to relocate to the newly opened shelter spots.

Three new supportive housing developments are slated to open over the next three months, but the city acknowledged in a statement "that there will still be a gap in the amount of housing needed" and is hoping for provincial assistance.

Until that happens, campers say they won't vacate Oppenheimer Park anytime soon. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

NPA promises ombudsperson position at city hall

NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe. EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

The Non-Partisan Association wants Vancouver to have its very own ombudsperson to intervene when residents believe the city isn't treating them fairly.

NPA mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe, the former ombudsman at CBC, outlined plans Tuesday to create an Office of the Ombudsperson with an annual budget of $1 million if elected in the Nov. 15 civic election.

"The most common complaint I hear on the campaign these days is city hall doesn't listen," LaPointe said in a video promoting the campaign promise, which he first mentioned this summer.

LaPointe, who has also vowed to make Vancouver the most open government in Canada, said this position goes "one step further to restore trust in government."

The independent ombudsperson would be appointed for a six-year term, two years longer than the election cycle to avoid any political interference.

They would respond when people complain about, among other things, decisions that are contrary to established policies (even though council does have the ability to modify policies), decisions that they don't believe are based on an "adequate" reason, or departments taking too long to take action.

The role "settles complaints, it avoids needless lawsuits — and we have a lot of those under Gregor Robertson right now — and it strengthens standards of practices," LaPointe said.

The city is facing about 10 lawsuits from residents on topics ranging from rezoning to community centres, according to Metro's latest count.

Vision Vancouver campaigners were quick to point out on Twitter that B.C. already has an Office of the Ombudsperson with jurisdiction over local governments. But the NPA fired back that Vancouver needs a specific office. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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Canada pledges support in ISIS fight

Canada added its support Tuesday to the American and Arab airstrikes on militant targets inside Syria, but is not involved militarily.

A senior government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed that Canada has made no military contribution to the air offensive, which for the first time targeted the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) on Syrian territory.

Canada has 69 special forces advisers in Iraq and has offered two military transport planes to deliver humanitarian assistance to displaced civilians and weapons to the Kurdish Peshmerga fighters in northern Iraq who are facing ISIS on the ground.

A spokesman for Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said Canada supports this week's U.S.-led military action.

"Canada is united with our allies in recognizing the need to address this barbaric terrorist threat and we will not stand idly by while ISIS continues its murder of innocent civilians and religious minorities," said spokesman Adam Hodge.

Canada's position towards the fast-moving events in the region continues to evolve.

Baird attended a ministerial meeting of the United Nations Security Council last week, where he added Canada's support for a broader international effort to topple ISIS, which has seized territory in Iraq and Syria.

After the session, Baird stopped short of endorsing military action against ISIS inside Syria, saying Canada was still considering its position. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soldiers patrol the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Tuesday. French forces have joined the U.S. in carrying out airstrikes against ISIS militants who have overrun large areas of Syria and Iraq. CHRISTOPHE ENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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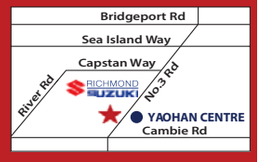

U.S., allies target ISIS with volley of airstrikes

Stronghold assault. Headquarters, training camps, facilities in eastern Syria targeted in nighttime raids consisting of more than 200 airstrikes

The U.S. and Arab allies launched what leaders declared would be a long and sustained military assault against the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham's (ISIS) strongholds in Syria and Iraq, while the U.S. simultaneously targeted an al-Qaida cell said to be plotting imminent attacks on American and other Western interests, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

Hours after the barrage of airstrikes began, Lt. Gen. William Mayville said the attacks took out key ISIS training camps and facilities. But he said it was too early to tell if they were able to disrupt a terrorist attack being planned by al-Qaida militants, known as the Khorasan Group. He said the group was "nearing the execution phase" of an attack against Europe or the U.S.

The U.S. and five Arab nations attacked ISIS's headquarters in eastern Syria in nighttime raids consisting of more than 200 airstrikes against approximately a dozen targets.

The airstrikes were part of the expanded military campaign that U.S. President Barack Obama authorized nearly two weeks ago in order to disrupt and destroy the ISIS militants, who have slaughtered thousands of people, beheaded Westerners — including two American journalists — and captured large swaths of Syria and northern and western Iraq. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Counter-terrorism

Man shot, killed in Australian airport

A man was shot dead and two counter-terrorism police were stabbed in a confrontation in Australia's second-largest city on Tuesday, police said.

It was not immediately clear whether the violence was related to a recent call from ISIS to supporters to kill in their home countries.

"Our members had no inkling that this individual posed a threat to them and as far as we were concerned, it was going to be an amicable discussion about that individual's behaviour," Victoria state police Assistant Commissioner Luke Cornelius said.

The man, 18, had been shouting insults about Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott and the government as a whole before he was shot and killed.

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Cops step up

To serve pizza and protect delivery?

Two police officers in Portland, Ore., completed the delivery for a pizza delivery driver after he was injured in a crash.

The Pizza Hut driver hurt his neck and back in the collision.

Steve Huckins tells KOIN that he and his wife were concerned Sept. 1 when the officers, Michael Filbert and Royce Curtiss, showed up at their home, but they started laughing when they received the pizza. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scotland referendum

British PM says Queen 'purred'

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron was caught on open microphone telling former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg in New York that Queen Elizabeth II "purred down the line" when he called to tell her the result of the Scotland referendum. He was also heard saying he wants to "sue (polling companies) for my stomach ulcers because of what they put me through."

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Duffy expenses trial set for April

The politically charged trial of suspended Sen. Mike Duffy will begin next spring, six months before the next scheduled federal election.

In a brief proceeding Tuesday, the court set aside 41 days for the case, forgoing a preliminary hearing and scheduling the trial for April 7 through May 12, and June 1 through 19 — smack in the middle of spring campaign season.

Speculation has been rife on Parliament Hill that Prime Minister Stephen Harper could call an election as early as next spring. But the timing of the Duffy trial may put that theory to rest.

As it now stands, the fixed election date is Oct. 19, 2015.

Duffy, a former Conservative senator, faces 31 charges, including fraud, breach of trust and bribery. The last charge deals with a $90,000 cheque Duffy got from Nigel Wright, Harper's one-time chief of staff, to reimburse the Senate for challenged expense claims.

Donald Bayne, Duffy's lawyer, hasn't ruled out the possibility that the prime minister himself might be called to testify. Wright, who was not charged by the RCMP, will almost certainly be called as a witness. He now lives in London, where he is helping build up the European business of Onex Corp., the company he left in 2010 to join the Prime Minister's Office.

Duffy, a former television personality, was charged last summer.

Bayne cited the senator's recurring health problems (he has been treated several times for heart trouble) as his client's rationale for wanting to proceed quickly to trial.

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Experts say a move by Netflix to defy the will of Canada's broadcast regulator calls into question CRTC's very authority to institute any rules governing Internet-based video service providers. ELISE AMENDOLA-AP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Netflix defies CRTC, and PM gets the blame

Toothless watchdog?
Online video service firm says regulator's orders are not applicable to Netflix under Canadian broadcasting law

One of the hottest dramas to hit the fall season isn't on your TV screen — it's happening behind the scenes in a battle of wills between the country's fastest-growing video supplier and Canada's broadcast regulator.

Netflix has told the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission it won't turn over sensitive corporate information, despite being ordered to do so at a hearing last Friday.

The move calls into question the very authority of the broadcast regulator to institute any rules governing Internet-based video service providers, says new-media expert Michael Geist.

And the Prime Minister's Office is being blamed for forcing the regulator into a corner.

Industry watchers say Netflix is standing up to the CRTC after being emboldened by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who has said his government will not allow levies against online video services to help pay for production of Canadian content — something he has referred to as a "Netflix tax."

By inappropriately interfering in the CRTC hearings, the Harper Conservatives may have already rendered the regulator toothless, said Opposition heritage critic Pierre Nantel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Obama: World must fight 'global threat' of climate change

UN General Assembly. U.S. president calls on all nations to address what's being called 'the defining issue of our age'

In the first international test for his climate-change strategy, U.S. President Barack Obama pressed world leaders Tuesday to follow the United States' lead on the issue, even as a United Nations summit revealed the many obstacles that still stand in the way of wider agreements.

"The United States has made ambitious investments in clean energy and ambitious reductions in our carbon emissions," Obama said. "Today I call on all countries to join us, not next year or the year after that, but right now. Because no nation can meet this global threat alone."

But none of the pledges made at Tuesday's one-day meeting was binding. The summit, part of the annual UN General Assembly, was designed to lay the groundwork for a new global climate-change treaty. It also revealed the sharp differences that divide countries on matters such as deforestation, carbon pollution and methane leaks from oil and gas production.

"Today we must set the world on a new course," said United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon. "Climate change is the defining issue of our age. It is defining our present. Our response will define our future."

In some ways, the climate summit answered that call.

The European Union said its member nations next month were set to approve a plan that would cut greenhouse gases back to 40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2030. The EU also called for using renewable energy for 27 per cent of the bloc's power needs and increasing energy efficiency by 30 per cent.

More than 150 countries set the first-ever deadline to end deforestation by 2030, but that goal was thrown into doubt when Brazil said it would not join. Forests are important because they absorb the main greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide. The United States, Canada and the entire European Union signed onto a declaration to halve forest loss by 2020 and eliminate deforestation entirely by 2030. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Fully committed'

Canada 'taking decisive action'

Canada made two main commitments at the UN climate summit Tuesday. One was to match American vehicle-emissions standards; the other, to curb the use of HFC coolants.

Canada's environment minister said her government would be releasing details on a plan to reduce hydrofluorocarbons.

"Let me be clear, Canada is fully committed to achieving a strong and effective global climate agreement in Paris next year," said the prepared text of Leona Aglukkaq's remarks.

"Both domestically and internationally we are demonstrating this commitment. We are not waiting to act. We are taking decisive action to ensure Canada remains a leader and contributes its part to this global cause."
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NYC officials denounce anti-Islam transit ads

Elected officials and religious leaders from several faiths on Tuesday denounced anti-Islamic ads that are appearing soon on New York City transit buses and in subway stations.

Six different ads will appear this week on some Manhattan subway entrances and next week on 100 buses.

Some of the ads depict American journalist James Foley with his masked executioner in the moments before he is beheaded. Another is an image of a Muslim leader next to Adolf Hitler.

"We can reject hatred," city comptroller Scott Stringer said at a news conference in front of city hall.

"This is the kind of hatred that we must have zero tolerance for."

The ads, which will cost $100,000, are being bankrolled by a group led by blogger Pamela Gellar.

A 2012 federal court decision ruled that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which runs the region's mass transit system, must run so-called viewpoint ads.

"Our hands are tied," said MTA spokesman Adam Lisberg. "A series of court rulings have made clear the MTA cannot refuse advertisements that meet our revised advertising standards."

Quoted

"This is the kind of hatred that we must have zero tolerance for." New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer

The ads will run with a disclaimer saying that they do not represent the views of the MTA. One ad, which makes reference to "killing Jews," was rejected by the MTA on the grounds that it could incite violence.

Gellar, who is suing to reverse that decision, said in an interview Tuesday that she is running the ads because "politicians and the media won't tell these stories."

"It's important to run these ads to increase awareness of increasing magnitude of the jihad threat and to an end to wilful ignorance of that threat," she said.

She denied that she was anti-Islam, but said she feels that she doesn't "need to pat on the back every Muslim who doesn't want to kill me."

The officials who rallied at city hall suggested that even if there were legal grounds to run the ads, there were outweighed by moral concerns.

"These ads have no place in New York City," said city council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, who was joined by several other council members, U.S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, Public Advocate Letitia James and Linda Sarsour, executive director of the Arab American Association.
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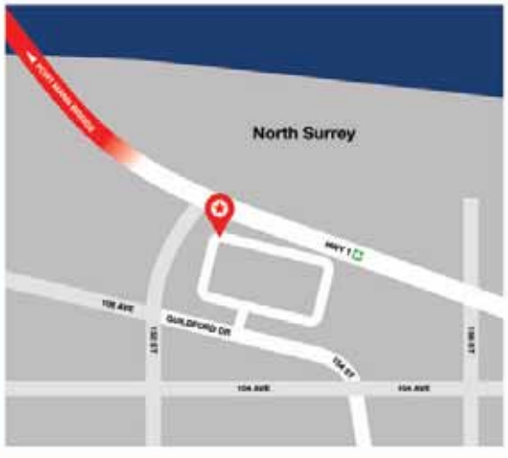

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Voice messaging mobile app: It's Talko the town

The new voice mail?
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Longtime technology guru Ray Ozzie wants to bring back the emotions of the human voice to phones.

His mission began more than two years ago. Ozzie noticed people were increasingly communicating through texts, emails and social media posts instead of calling each other.

"When you see nothing but words and numbers, it becomes very mechanical and very transactional," Ozzie said in an interview.

Ray Ozzie
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"But when you hear the sound of someone's voice, it really brings it much closer to home."

Ozzie, 58, Microsoft's former chief software architect, hopes to orchestrate voice's comeback through Talko, a mobile application being released Tuesday for the iPhone. A version for Android phones is expected in a few months.

Talko sends the equivalent of text messages in the form of a spoken word. Talko users can record a voice message and send it over the Internet to anyone else with the app.

Recipients listen to the recording when it's convenient, rather than being interrupted by a traditional phone call.

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Bankruptcy trial

Lawyer: Intellectual property for Nortel also created in U.S.

It's a fallacy to think of Nortel Networks as just a Canadian company and that its intellectual property was created solely in Canada, a lawyer for its U.S. subsidiary said Tuesday at a cross-border bankruptcy trial that will decide how remaining assets are shared among creditors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RIDING THE SAVE THE RHINO BANDWAGON

JUST SAYIN'

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On Sunday, a zoo in the Czech Republic set fire to 60 kilograms of rhinoceros horn, a fitting overture to the fifth annual World Rhino Day, which followed in various rhino-aware locales around the world on Monday.

The rhino is being poached to extinction for its horn, which is used in traditional medicine and as an aphrodisiac in Asia.

A rumour going around — that a Vietnamese minister's relative was cured of cancer with rhino horn — hasn't helped.

Hasn't helped the rhino, that is.

At the beginning of the 20th century, there were 500,000 rhinos roaming Africa and Asia.

Today, there are 29,000. In Sumatra, the rhino population is down to less than 100. In Java, there are 35-45 left.

There is some good news, rhino fans.

The southern white rhino has come back, from 50 individuals early in the 20th century to 20,000 today. But now poaching threatens to reverse those gains.

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I'm not sure why I'm feeling such solidarity for the rhinoceros (which means "nose horn," of course).

Maybe I can relate to its reputation for near-sighted stubbornness. But when you add up the facts, rhinos are worth saving:

- Even though they weigh in at a tonne on average, rhinos are vegetarians. They eat anywhere from 50 to 100 kilos of food a day. Trying picking up that grocery bill! Also, what they eat depends on the species.
- There are white rhinos and black rhinos, and both species are actually gray. (Black rhinos eat shoots and leaves and white rhinos are more grazers. Zoos feed them soy and alfalfa.)
- A group of rhinos is called a "crash."
- Black rhinos are the most aggressive of the species, and they can attack at speeds of 50 km/h. But such attacks are rare and most black rhinos would more typically be found snoozing in the shade.
- The rhino horn is made of the same stuff as human fingernails.
- Rhino moms take 15 months to give birth.
- Rhino babies can walk within 10 minutes.
- Rhinos have notoriously poor eyesight, but there's nothing wrong with their intestines: A white rhino produces about 50 pounds of poo a day.
- Rhinos somehow managed to survive for 40 million years. Then we turned up.

Rhino poaching has grown increasingly alarming. Last year, more than 1,000 white rhinos were slaughtered in South Africa alone.

Do the math: That's five per cent of the surviving population.

World Rhino Day is over for another year. I'm not sure it's doing any good — South Africa is home to 83 per cent of the world's rhinos, and this year, poachers have already killed 787 rhinos in that country.

If the current rate of poaching continues, rhino deaths will exceed rhino births by 2016 to 2018.

And you know what that means.

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A three-week-old female White Rhinoceros runs with her mother at the Ramat Gan Safari near Tel Aviv, on Sept. 3. Scan the image to see what a young charging rhino looks like. JACK GUEZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Man-lion love at its finest

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Conservationist Valentin Gruener is a serial star of heartwarming man-lion love stories, but his latest reunion with Sirga, a lioness he helped raise as a cub, at Botswana's Modisa Wildlife Project really takes the cake. I'm a card-carrying cat-lover, but the idea of being so friendly with something that could kill me with an affectionate mistake still gives me the old jelly legs. (J Hawk Daily/YouTube)

SCREENGRAB

'No more stuck skunks!' PETA, college prez urge Ohio students to crush cans

An Ohio college president says the school supports safety for skunks, and for other furry creatures, too.

Miami University President David Hodge has thanked People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for its offer to send safety posters after a skunk recently got its head stuck in a beer can near a fraternity house. The posters urge people to crush cans for animal safety.

Hodge wrote to PETA to say that the Advocates for Animals student group will work on the poster safety campaign. He says the school appreciates the effort to remind the community to crush and recycle cans, not only to preserve resources but to protect animals from harm.

"We share your desire to have no more stuck skunks!" Hodge wrote.

The posters PETA offered to send to Miami show a raccoon with head stuck in a tin can and tell the reader to crush cans for animal safety, urging: "Don't let this happen again."

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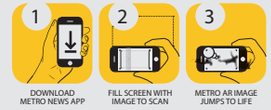

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Denzel fearless when a moral dichotomy is cast

First among equals. Denzel Washington is the rare star who has built a career playing dubious characters

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In 2001 Denzel Washington won his first Best Actor Academy Award. The movie was Training Day and Washington's performance as the corrupt Los Angeles Police Department narcotics officer Alonzo Harris established the actor's propensity for playing ambiguous antiheroes.

Is there another A-list leading man who explores the dark side of his characters as often as Washington? Will Smith and Tom Cruise occasionally let the heroic side of their on-screen personas take a back seat, but Washington revels in mucking around in the mud. From Training Day to American Gangster, Safe House to Flight, he has crafted complex characters you wouldn't want to sit next to on the bus.

This weekend he's back as Robert McCall, home improvement store manager by day, equalizer of odds by night. Based on the cult 1980s television show The Equalizer starring Edward Woodward, the film begins with the former black ops commando trying to leave his violent ways in the past.

He meets his greatest adversary just when he thought that part of his life was over. Namely, the Russian mob leans on him after he tries to protect a young woman (Chloë Grace Moretz) from her pimp.

Exploring the dark side

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No other superstar seems as comfortable with moral haziness as Washington. In American Gangster, for instance, he was Frank Lucas, the one-time driver for a Harlem mob boss who rose to the top of the drug world by flooding the streets of Manhattan with cheap, high-grade heroin smuggled into the United States in the coffins of dead soldiers returning from Vietnam. He's a dichotomy — bloodthirsty and ruthless, but he also attends church every Sunday with his mother.

In Flight, he played troubled pilot Whip Whitaker, an anti-hero who is functional in day-to-day life despite his predilection for wine, women and cocaine.

He's charming one minute, enraged the next and passed out on the floor the minute after that.

Washington manages to subtly capture the ego and hubris that allows Whitaker to present a sober face to the public while bringing us into the messy world of addiction.

The actor has played his share of assorted good guys over the years — Ricochet's cop-turned-attorney and Don Pedro of Aragon in Much Ado About Nothing — but it is his willingness to mine the heroism of the nasty men he plays that makes him one of the most interesting A-listers.

No more Mr. Knife Guy

Weapons of messy destruction

It's amazing what you can get done with the right tools. In designing the climactic battle in The Equalizer, in which Denzel Washington's retired special ops mystery man takes on a team of Russian mobsters in a Home Depot-like store using just what's available on the shelves, director Antoine Fuqua learned quite a bit about what makes a handy weapon.

"Now in my brain, everything's a weapon. You can do some interesting things, if you think of it that way," Fuqua tells Metro.

When it comes to a topic like this, there's really nothing better than a hands-on demonstration, which Fuqua happily provided using a butter knife just lying around the hotel suite where we met up. "A butter knife is still sharp, so you could still do damage with a butter knife if you cut across somebody's skin," he says, brandishing the blade. "We're fragile, so it's going to cut you. Or a blunt force." To drive the point home, he pretends to jab me several times with the butt of the knife.

"Cut off the blade and you've still got a weapon. It doesn't make a difference, if somebody knows how to do it, they know how to do it," he says. "They're going to use your festival badge lanyard and choke you with it. 'You got a gun? Oh, nice. I've got a butter knife and a corkscrew.'" NED EHRBAR/ METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

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Leonard Cohen ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

All Leonard wants for his birthday is the smoke he's been craving for 30 years

Leonard Cohen has wanted a cigarette for a long, long time, and now he's going to have one. The legendary singer-songwriter turned 80 this weekend, and to celebrate he's planning to take up smoking again, a habit he kicked when he was in his 50s. "Quite seriously, does anyone know where you can buy a Turkish or Greek cigarette?" he asked, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. "I'm looking forward to that first smoke. I've been thinking about that for 30 years. It's one of the few consistent strings of thoughts I've been able to locate."

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It's really splitsville for klass act Bruce and Kris Jenner

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They said it wouldn't last — mostly because of that separation almost a year ago. Now, Kris and Bruce Jenner have officially filed for divorce, and much like everything else in their E!-sponsored, reality show life, they're going to work this one out in public. According to court documents "obtained" by E! News, the couple is calling it quits over irreconcilable differences and seeking joint custody of their last remaining kid at home, 17-year-old Kylie Jenner. They list the official separation date as June 1, 2013, which is actually pretty noteworthy, since they didn't officially announce it until last October. Do you understand the uncharacteristic levels of restraint and discretion it must've taken them to keep quiet about something for four whole months? That's just not like them.

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Foxcatcher (USA, 134 mins)

Employing an unsettling mix of suspense and absurdity, Bennett Miller (*Capote*) delves into the bizarre true story of Olympic wrestling brothers (Channing Tatum and Mark Ruffalo) and their well-heeled, mentally imbalanced sponsor (Steve Carell, combining arrogance and anguish to monstrous effect). "Powerfully disturbing... This insidiously gripping psychological drama is a model of bleak, bruising, furiously concentrated storytelling."—*Variety.* **Winner, Best Director, Cannes 2014.**

Thu. Sep 25, 9:30 pm, Centre for Arts / Thu. Oct 2, 3:15 p m, Centre for Arts
Fri. Oct 10, 9:30 pm, Centre for Arts

Wild Tales (Argentina/Spain, 122 mins)

For sheer entertainment value, you'll be hard-pressed to beat this outrageous anthology film. One of Cannes' most buzzed about discoveries, Damián Szifrón's third feature plays like a calling card from a preposterously talented newcomer, it's so chock-full of crazy ideas and verve. "Delicious, horrible, scary and scabrous... Szifrón brings off a very difficult trick: making something genuinely funny and genuinely scary at the same time."—*Guardian*

Sat. Oct 4, 6:00 pm, Centre for Arts
Mon. Oct 6, 3:30 pm, Centre for Arts

Mr. Turner (UK/France/Germany, 149 mins)

Acclaimed director Mike Leigh and perennially unsung actor Timothy Spall are at the heights of their considerable powers in this enthralling account of visionary J.M.W. Turner's final years. "As successful in its tiny details as it is in its epic amplitude [it works] as a warts-and-all portrait of the painter and his circle, and as a large-scale evocation of Victorian England."—*Screen*. **Winner, Best Actor, Cannes 2014.**

Sun. Sep 28, 6:00 pm, Centre for Arts
Thu. Oct 2, 12:00 pm, Centre for Arts
Wed. Oct 8, 1:00 pm, Playhouse

Men, Women & Children (USA, 116 mins)

Jason Reitman's *Men, Women & Children* follows the story of a group of high-school teenagers and their parents as they attempt to navigate the many ways the Internet has changed their relationships, their communication, their self-image, and their love lives. The film attempts to stare down social issues such as video-game culture, anorexia, infidelity, fame-hunting, and the proliferation of illicit material on the Internet

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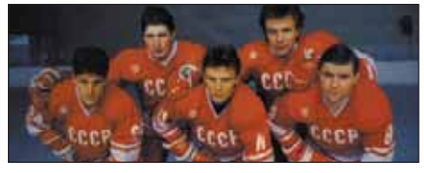

Red Army (USA/Russia, 76 mins)

Home to some of the greatest hockey players ever, the Soviet Union's Red Army team was also a key combatant in the Cold War's propaganda battle and exemplars of the ethos that the system trumped individual stardom. Viacheslav Fetisov—a Red Army standout and eventual defector to the NHL—makes an ideal guide for Gabe Polsky's exploration of the ties between on-ice ambition and national identity.

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Avoid getting sick on the plane

1. From the second you board the plane until you are at your destination, never touch your face. Eye and nose rubbing is taboo.
2. Wipe down arm rests and your tray table — especially the latch — with a Wet One. Ignore the looks you might get.
3. Only drink water you can see is coming from a bottle. (The ice is OK.) Never drink the coffee or tea.
4. In the lavatory, use the anti-bacterial gel instead of the soap and water. Or bring your own.
5. Never put anything in the seat pocket in front of you. Avoid over-handling anything that is already in the seat pocket.
6. Forego the dab of antibiotic ointment in the nostrils. It's a myth. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

Tool

Last-minute hotel rooms up for grabs each morning

If you don't happen to be a "planner" the HotelTonight app might just be for you. Basically, they sell unsold hotel rooms each morning at 9 a.m. in more than 450 spots globally.

The rooms are categorized into Luxe, Hip, Solid, Basic, Charming and Crashpad, and you can book up to a five-night stay in about 10 seconds — three taps and a swipe.

Good for those on the road, last-minuters, bargain-hunters or hearty partiers — rooms can be booked until 2 a.m. Ten million downloads can't be wrong.

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Deal

Five nights in Dublin for about $1,200

Air Canada Vacations is offering a Game of Thrones-inspired trip to Dublin, where much of the TV show is filmed. This Dublin Connection deal includes round-trip flight, five nights of three-star accommodation (plus breakfast) and two excursions (a Game of Thrones day trip and a musical pub crawl) all for about $1,200 per person, all taxes included. Bookings need to be made by October 31 for travel between November 1 and February 28, 2015. Ireland's capital city is terrific and who could resist a visit to the Docklands Christmas Market? Visit AirCanadaVacations.com.

DOUG WALLACE/METRO

In the name of love. Suites for the super rich

From gold-plated iPads to helipads and a diamond ring in lieu of a pillow mint, posh hotels around the world are upping the ante on honeymoon suite perks. Welcome to hotel suites for the one per cent, where tens of thousands of dollars is nothing to spend in the name of love.

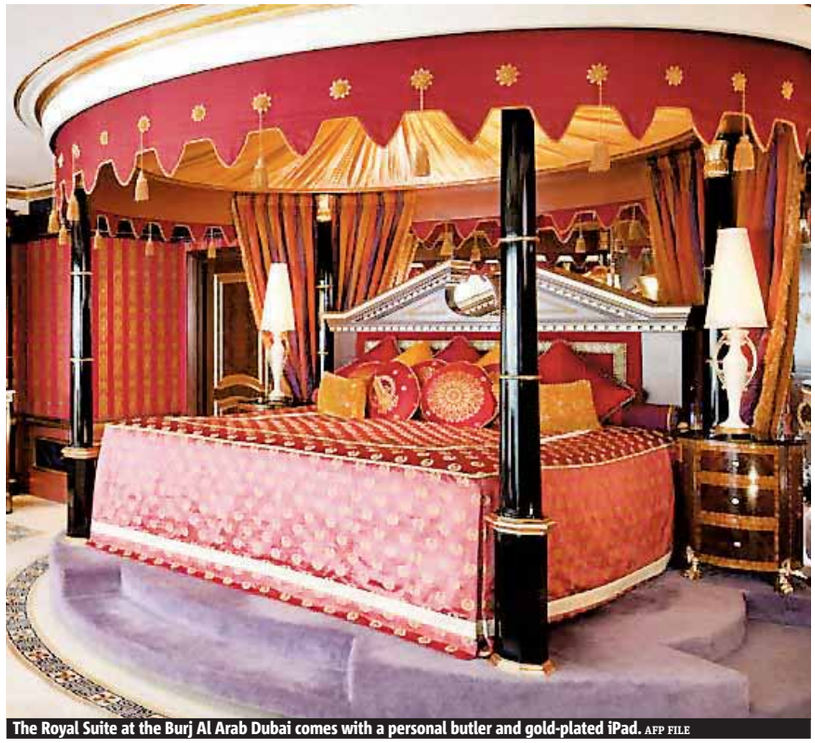
New York Palace

It may sound extravagant to throw in a diamond ring with a hotel reservation, but given that the Jewel Suite at the New York Palace costs $25,000 a night, the ring could be construed as a courtesy amenity.

While some hotels offer their VIP guests a complimentary bottle of bubbly, fruit basket or box of chocolates, the New York Palace comes with a gem worth $2,500, designed by jeweler to the stars Martin Katz.

Burj Al Arab Dubai

Not one to do things the conventional way? Couples for whom there is no mountain high enough can book the hotel's helipad as their wedding reception venue. For $55,000, couples can select the hotel's Wedding in the Skies package for an unforgettable ceremony 212 metres in the sky. They'll be exchanging their vows on the same site where Tiger Woods teed off. Instead of a horse-drawn carriage, couples can also hire out an Italian twin engine Augusta 109 aircraft.



The Royal Suite at the Burj Al Arab Dubai comes with a personal butler and gold-plated iPad. AFP FILE

InterContinental Geneva

For the sum of a middle-income salary, you too, can book a one-night stay at the world's most expensive hotel suite, The Residence at the InterContinental Geneva. Putting your head down in the 7,000-square foot apartment will set you back $56,000.

With 11 rooms including a library, gallery, hammam, gym and sauna, the apartment is ideal for those who may be feting their wedding with out-of-town guests — along with those couples who may need their space after the festivities. **AFP**

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Georgia should be on the golfer's mind

Reynolds Plantation. Carved through the pine tree covered hills in the state's lake country, this resort boasts plenty of public access courses

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Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a photographic tour of all that Reynolds Plantation has to offer. ALL PHOTOS: REYNOLDS PLANTATION

Georgia isn't the first choice of most Canadians for a golf getaway.

But thanks largely to the growing fame of Reynolds Plantation, one of North America's biggest and most attractive golf resorts, that may soon change.

The sprawling lakefront resort midway between Atlanta and Augusta will be in the spotlight later this month when it hosts the Golf Channel's Big Break Invitational, Reynolds Plantation. Part of the network's popular Big Break franchise, the live-to-air 72-hole competition between past champions will showcase the charms of a planned community that includes six golf courses and the luxurious Ritz-Carlton Lodge.

Four of the courses at Reynolds Plantation have been extensively renovated by owner MetLife, including Great Waters, the Jack Nicklaus-designed headliner, which will host the Big Break competition.

Great Waters features a spectacular routing through a rolling pine forest and ends with eight holes that snake dramatically along the shore of Lake Oconee. Rounding out the roster are layouts by several of the game's top architects: The National (Tom Fazio), The Oconee (Rees Jones), as well as The Landing and The Plantation (both by Bob Cupp). Only The Creek Club by Jim Engh is off-limits to resort guests. A 120-kilometre drive east of Atlanta, Reynolds Plantation is ideally situated for exploring Georgia's Lake Country, a region rich in Southern charm and history that includes the towns of Greensboro, Eatonton and Madison. Greensboro, named for Revolutionary War general Nathanael Greene, was rebuilt after being burned to the ground and its inhabitants killed by Creek Indians.

But there's plenty to do without leaving a 4,046-hectare property that offers a spa and fitness centre, as well as water activities ranging from bass fishing to kayaking and water skiing. Biking and hiking trails provide glimpses of deer, red fox and bald eagles. Tourists should also stay on the lookout for celebrities such as George W. Bush, Newt Gingrich and John Mellencamp known to frequent the palatial homes that overlook manmade — but astonishingly natural looking — Lake Oconee. Country music star Carrie Underwood married Canadian hockey player Mike Fisher under a tent here in 2010. Though a family destination, the focus at Reynolds Plantation is squarely on golf. Last April, the resort hosted a heavily publicized exhibition between Sergio Garcia and Justin Rose that featured holes 15 inches wide, an innovation promoted as a way to make the game easier to play. And on hand at the Reynolds Golf Academy is acclaimed instructor Charlie King. A noted innovator, he believes that instruction must be adapted for each individual.

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Sustainability

Does your travelling make a difference?

ON THE MOVE
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World Tourism Day gives us a chance to think about how we can travel more responsibly. ISTOCK

The United Nation's has proclaimed September 27 World Tourism Day. I recently spoke with G Adventures founder, Bruce Poon Tip, about the importance and impact of tourism on the planet.

Why is World Tourism Day important?
It's about raising awareness on the positive impact tourism can have in the world. Years ago tourism wasn't seen has either positive or negative. Then about a decade ago climate change became an issue and tourism was seen as a negative thing; plane travel became a big offender in the discussion around carbon emissions. Today, with the importance placed on sustainability and the way people are living at home — recycling, eating organically or using low watt light bulbs — consumers have started to make holidays choices that reflect their values. G Adventures is a firm believer that travel can change the world in a positive way. It's a symbiotic relationship between travelers and local people. Travel can be a form of giving back, just like donating to a charity as long as it's done right.

What is standing in the way of tourism becoming a positive force?
All-inclusive holidays are growing at an alarming rate. There is a race to build bigger and bigger cruise ships. Seventy-five percent of travellers are going to all-inclusives and very little of that money is going into the local economy. People are choosing their holidays based on price point and locals are not benefitting. The United Nations Environment program says that for every hundred dollars spent by tourists, only five dollars actually stays in the local economy.

How can your travel choices make a difference?
Understand where your money is going. Learn about the differences being promoted by travel companies and pick out the things that match your values. Sustainable tourism is about local jobs and local people and benefitting local economies.

Easy peasy Ricotta Pea Pasta

Dinner. This cheesy dish takes no time to make and it will disappear just as fast

DINNER EXPRESS
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I love making recipes that I enjoyed as a kid for my family.

Ricotta is used in many Italian dishes to create sauces, add texture to pasta and, of course, to make desserts.

I enjoy adding it to pasta with veggies — even as simple as peas.

Like most pasta dishes, this one does not wait. When it's ready, you should be, too! Serve it right away and have everyone at the table with their forks in hand.

FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in about 30 minutes or less

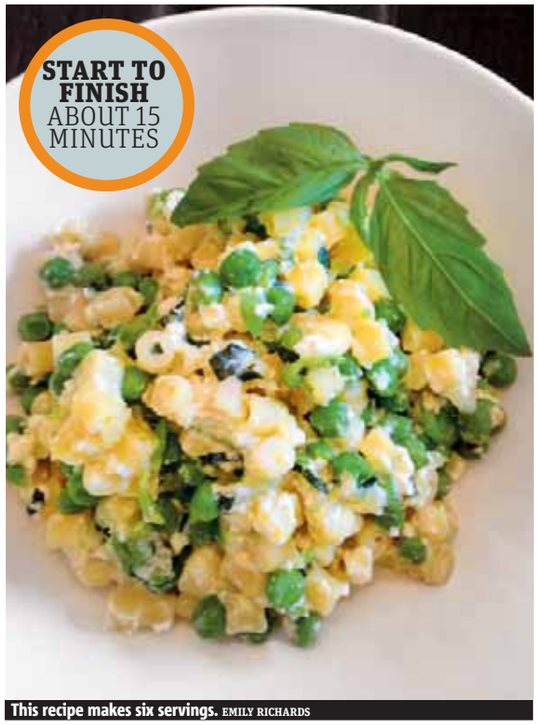
Planning meals ahead and having pantry staples will help balance out your week and get you ahead for special snacks as well. Whip up this easy weeknight meal and then you will have time to make some homemade cannoli for dessert.

Ingredients

- 12 oz (375 g) rotini or other short pasta
- 1 cup (250 mL) frozen peas
- 1 tub (454 g to 475 g) ricotta cheese
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley or basil

1. In large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta for 6 minutes. Add peas and cook for 2 minutes or until pasta is al dente. Drain, reserving 1 cup (250 mL) of the cooking water and return pasta to pot.

2. Add ricotta, oil and some of the water to moisten and toss to combine until smooth sauce forms. Add half of the Parmesan and parsley; toss to combine. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan before serving.



This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Dessert. Chocolate Cherry Cannoli

Look for cannoli shells at Italian delis, specialty food stores and large grocery stores. Some bakeries will sell you empty shells provided you call ahead to order.

For a stronger cherry flavour, add a splash of cherry brandy to the filling.

If you enjoy your cannoli with crunchy shells be sure to eat them the day you make them.

1. Scrape ricotta into fine mesh sieve set over bowl. Let stand for 30 minutes. Place ricotta in another bowl and discard any liquid.

2. Stir in icing sugar and vanilla with ricotta until smooth. Add chocolate and cherries and stir until well distributed.

3. Spoon mixture into piping bag or large resealable bag and cut opening. Pipe mixture evenly into cannoli shells and place on platter. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 2 days. (The cannoli shells will soften the longer they sit.)

4. Sprinkle with icing sugar or cocoa powder before serving.

EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 1 tub (475 g) extra smooth ricotta cheese
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) icing sugar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) chopped bittersweet chocolate
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) dried cherries, chopped
- 24 small cannoli shells
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A personal brand is an invaluable tool that can help you throughout your career — particularly when you're trying to land a first job or move between industries.

Personal branding can be crucial in helping sell yourself to potential employers and stand out from the crowd. Luckily, getting started on developing your brand is easier than it might sound.

Create a theme or image for yourself

Choose a theme that will be carried throughout both your online and offline presence. This theme may include a series of colours, fonts, and images that will be used across all platforms.

Consistency is key for branding: Use the same colours on your resumé and cover letter as on your Twitter profile and personal website. When you move from document to portfolio to resumé, or to Twitter and LinkedIn, everything should reflect a consistent visual message.

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Build your online presence

Having an online presence is crucial for any modern jobseeker, and absolutely vital when it comes to presenting your personal brand.

While you'll need to use and present your personal brand in your offline life and in the workplace, having your brand online is an excellent way to put yourself out there — and it may lead someone to contact you to offer a top job opportunity or networking connection.

As you build your presence online, be sure to be actively involved in the online community. Don't just create profiles — follow, like and join, too.

How do you want the working world to view you? Creating a personal brand helps convey who you are and what you stand for. ISTOCK

Generate content

A great way to develop and fine-tune your personal brand is to produce content that reflects your areas of expertise. This content may appear on your blog, your social networks or shared directly with others in your industry. You can even identify promising conversations that focus on your chosen area and offer your content there — building new connections in the process. Generating unique content and contributing to ongoing discussions will help build your image.

Build yourself offline

Your offline professional activities play a big part in introducing specific people to your personal brand (and directing them to your online presence, as well). Networking and building an image for yourself offline are key steps to building your brand. Create branded business cards, and attend conferences, classes, workshops, and other events to give you an opportunity to network.

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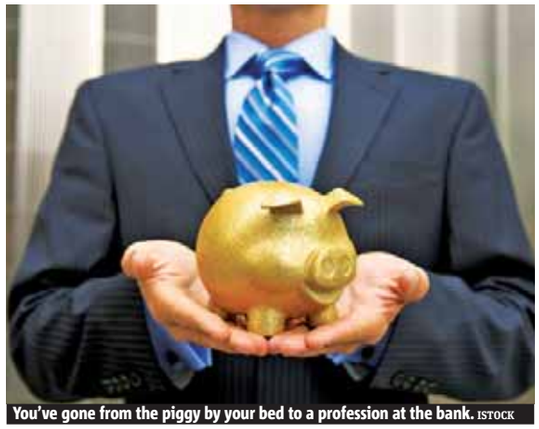
The world of banking is a hotspot for recent graduates interested in hatching a top career.

The industry has diverse career offerings, but making your way will call for a pivotal combination of hard and soft skills.

Here are four important skills and traits that employers look for in a prospective employee. These qualities aren't just a career-hatching asset — they'll also ensure your continued success as a new professional.



You've gone from the piggy by your bed to a profession at the bank. ISTOCK

Industry knowledge

Banking requires a high level of finance and industry knowledge.

Successful banking professionals will need to be intimately familiar with the regulations that govern banking in Canada.

Moreover, aspiring individuals should not limit their knowledge base to the banking industry. Just as banking is vital to the economy, so too is the economy vital to banking.

Aspiring banking professionals should build their knowledge base in all aspects related to banking, banking regulation, finance and the economy.

The banking system in Canada continues to evolve, which means regulations do as well. Banking professionals are expected not only to have a sound knowledge base, but being constantly aware of new changes within the industry, as well as the regulations.

Analytical thinking and entrepreneurial spirit

The banking industry is primarily concerned with risk management. Successful banking professionals excel at managing risk precisely because of their analytical rigour. Banking requires incredibly strong lateral and analytical thinking.

Like consultants, banking professionals are valued for the ability to think outside the box, solve problems, and predict and avert problems that have not yet materialized. To this end, banking requires not only an ability to remain incredibly sharp, but learn quickly and grasp new concepts with ease.

This level of analytical rigour, the product of intellectual curiosity, lends itself well to innovation.

The most successful banking analysts not only complete their own work objectives, but also take a broad interest in the work of their colleagues, and how different work loads contribute under an umbrella project.

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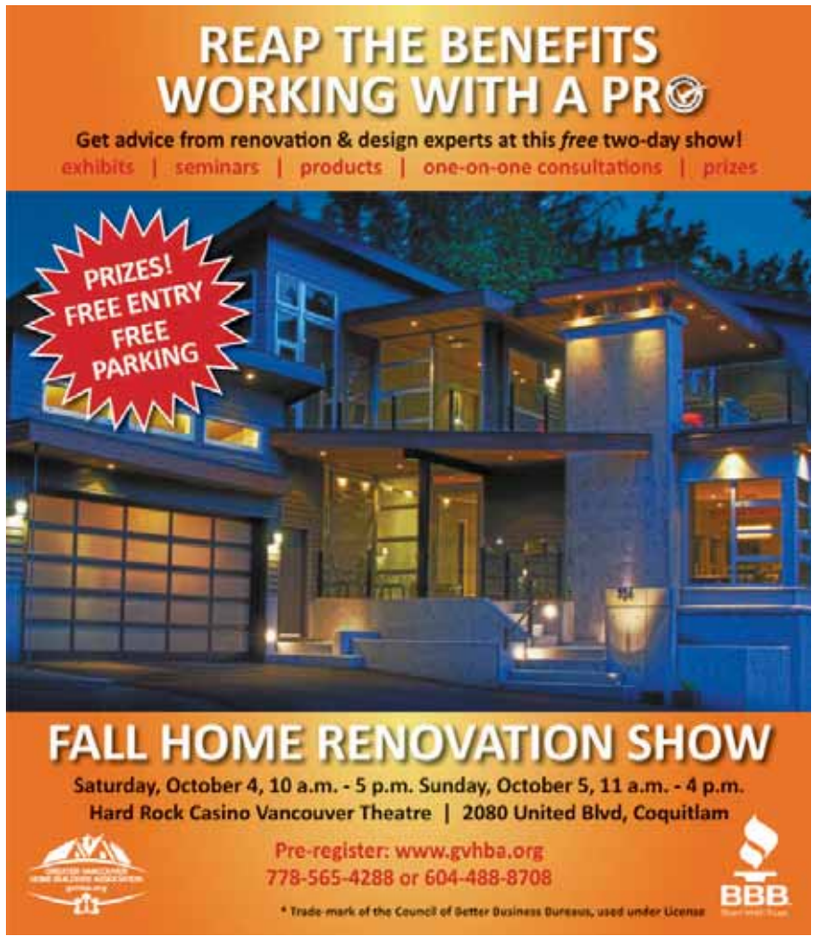
Cool under pressure

- Successful banking professionals are notably resilient in their ability to work independently in high-pressure environments that have demanding objectives, stringent and changing deadlines and a variety of new information appearing at a moment's notice.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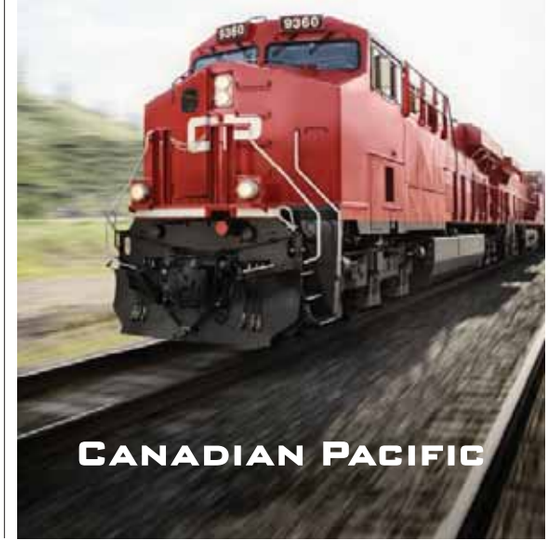

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SPORTS 4

Jordan Subban scores, impresses

NHL. 2013 4th-round draft pick makes most of increased ice time in Canucks' defeat of Sharks at Rogers Arena

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Jordan Subban, centre, celebrates scoring a goal with Canucks teammates Linden Vey, left, Alex Friesen, Hunter Shinkaruk and Kevin Bieksa during their NHL pre-season split-squad game against the Sharks at Rogers Arena on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Vancouver Canucks, and general manager Jim Benning, believe Alex Edler can revitalize his NHL career.

Tuesday's pre-season game between the Canucks and San Jose Sharks at Rogers Arena didn't provide a promising sign.

Edler, who had an NHL-worst minus-39 rating last season, was struck in the face by a puck in the first period, and didn't return to the game with what the club called an upper-body injury.

Assistant coach Doug Lidster told reporters Edler was held out for precautionary reasons and would be re-evaluated Wednesday.

The Canucks defeated the Sharks by a final score of 4-2 at Rogers Arena.

Edler's absence reduced the Canucks to five defenders and provided a trio of prospects — Peter Andersson, Frank Corrado and Jordan Subban — increased ice time.

The 19-year-old Subban, selected in the fourth round of the 2013 NHL Draft, did his best to make the most it.

Subban opened the scoring with a slapshot from the point that beat a screened Alex Stalock in the first period.

Subban, who isn't eligible to play in the AHL this season, is only listed at five-foot-nine and 175 pounds.

It's easy to suggest that a player of that size, playing the position he does, is too small to make it in this league.

"I've found a way to win battles and be able to be successful at my height," he said. I've just got to keep going to keep working hard and hopefully keep proving people wrong."

On Tuesday

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Canucks	Sharks

Scoring was a nice way to start for Subban. He got better as the game went on.

He used his skating ability to evade his opponents. His passes out of the zone — minus a giveaway in the third period — were quick and on target.

He joined in the offensive attack but was cautious against a bad decision.

"Most people know me for my offensive game but I'm trying … to become a better defensive player as well," said Subban.

The prospects were the ones doing the scoring for Vancouver. Hunter Shinkaruk, Bo Horvat and Linden Vey each tallied in the win.

CFL

Lions' Marsh says he suffered a strained MCL

After getting ventilated in a loss to Ricky Ray and the Toronto Argonauts on Friday, the B.C. Lions defence received more bad news to begin the week.

Veteran and all-star defensive back Dante Marsh told TSN 1040 radio that, as of Tuesday, he will be out of the lineup for a couple of weeks with what he believes to be a strained MCL.

"That's my self-prognosis," he told the sports talk radio station.

The Lions are on the road against the Calgary Stampeders on Saturday.

That could be a big loss for the Lions, who have been great against the pass all season, despite Ray, the Argos quarterback, throwing for 284 yards and a pair of touchdowns in B.C.'s 40-23 loss in Week 13.

B.C.'s latest defeat drops its record to 7-5.

The Lions remain fourth in the West, but their 14 points would put them in line for the crossover into the East Division at playoff time, if the post-season were to start today.

But this weekend's action provided fascinating results. The West has been by far the better division all season.

For example, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, with a 4-7 record, lead the East, yet they're still four points back of Winnipeg, which sits fifth, and out of a playoff spot, in the West.

All four games from this past weekend were East-versus-West matchups. The East teams won three of the games.

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Now officially out, Jays dominate Mariners

Another rout. Seattle powerless in 10-2 loss

There were several bright spots in Toronto's 10-2 rout of the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre.

Canadian Dalton Pompey hit his first career home run. Edwin Encarnacion belted his 34th homer of the season. Jose Bautista scored three times and R.A. Dickey had his sixth straight quality start.

The smiles faded shortly after the game when Kansas City completed a 7-1 win over Cleveland, a result that officially eliminated Toronto from post-season contention.

The Blue Jays had been clinging to faint playoff hopes for the last two weeks. A second straight blowout win was nice for the 16,272 fans in attendance, but it meant little for a team that remains stuck in a long playoff drought.

"Having not gotten to the post-season again with a team that I felt was very capable, of course we're all disappointed and we should be," Dickey said. "Everyone in here should be disappointed. So you've got to learn, you've got to grow, you've got to look for opportunities to see how you can improve and get better or the season is lost."

Pompey, from Mississauga, Ont., belted a no-doubt shot to deep right field off Felix Hernandez to kick off a seven-run fifth inning. Encarnacion added a two-run shot in the sixth for Toronto (80-77).

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Blue Jays' Casey Janssen, right, celebrates with Josh Thole after defeating Seattle in Toronto on Tuesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elsewhere Tuesday

- **Pirates 3, Braves 2.** Gerrit Cole retired the final 17 hitters he faced, and the surging Pittsburgh Pirates clinched a spot in the playoffs with a win over the free-falling Atlanta Braves.
- **Royals 7, Indians 1.** Rookie Yordano Ventura blanked Cleveland for seven innings as Kansas City kept pressure on first-place Detroit in the AL Central with a 7-1 win.

Corruption investigation

FIFA VP calls for publishing of probe

An investigation into alleged World Cup bid corruption should be published in full, according to FIFA vice-president Prince Ali bin Al-Hussein of Jordan.

Prince Ali's plea to lift FIFA secrecy rules shrouding the case — which could punish some of his executive committee colleagues for their conduct in the 2018 and 2022 bid contests won by Russia and Qatar — follows a call by lead investigator Michael Garcia for more openness.

"In the interest of full transparency, I believe it is important that the much anticipated report on the ethics investigation that is crucial to ensuring good governance at FIFA is fully disclosed and open to the public," the prince said Tuesday in a statement.

Garcia, the American independent prosecutor appointed by FIFA, also wants to ease confidentiality rules which prohibit publishing his reports and evidence files. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2014 Scion xB

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engine.** 2.4-litre four-cylinder (158 hp)
- **Transmissions.** Five-speed manual or four-speed automatic
- **Base price.** $18,960

Market position

Aimed at younger buyers, Scion picks up its share of older ones as well. But many of its models have undergone only minor changes over the years, and sales are falling.

Points

- Fifty of the Release Series 10.0 cars come with Electric Pearl paint, a glossy white that reveals a shimmering green accent in sunlight.
- Available options for the xB include a front brace, rear sway bar, and larger brakes from Toyota's TRD performance division; plus heated leather seats.
- All 2014 Scion models now include touch-screen stereo.

The dash is plain, but the controls are easy to use.

Interesting features

Tire-pressure monitoring system, heated mirrors with turn signal indicators, 6.1-inch touch screen, front LED accent lights, electronic brake force distribution.

DRIVE

Thirsty toaster peppy and fun

Review. Scion's xB tall wagon is aimed at younger buyers, but all drivers like its roomy interior and easy access

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In 2010, Canadians were finally introduced to Scion, the entry-level brand that Toyota debuted in the United States seven years earlier.

Scion models such as its tall-wagon xB hatchback were aimed at a younger market, with their lower prices and funky styling, but they attracted older buyers as well, who liked their roomy interiors and ease of entry.

Dubbed The Toaster by fans for its boxy styling, the xB uses a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that can be ordered with a five-speed manual transmission for $18,960, or with a four-speed automatic for $19,980.

Scion models come in a single trim line, with several factor or dealer options.

My tester had the limited-edition Release Series 10.0 package, which comes only with the automatic transmission and includes a backup camera, special interior trim, unique wheel covers, wireless device charging, and way-cool illumination that projects "xB RS 10.0" on the driver's side of the floor, and a limited-edition number on the passenger's side.

But it's a fairly pricey package, at $2,585.

The xB is surprisingly peppy, with lots of passing power on the highway. It's fun to drive, thanks to its quick and direct steering, substantial feel, and a very tight turning circle.

However, it's very noisy — the doors close with a tinny sound, and bumps in the road boom inside the cabin — and that peppiness costs at the pumps. It's officially rated at 8.4 L/100 km in combined driving, thirstier than a six-cylinder Toyota Camry. In real-world use, I only averaged 10.5 L/100 km.

The seats are comfortable, and visibility is excellent all around. The dash is plain but the controls are easy to use — although it takes a bit to get used to the centrally mounted instrument cluster.

The rear seats are easy to fold flat to increase the cargo space.

That great interior space is a plus, along with its price and the way it drives. If only it could control its fuel thirst, it could be an entry-level winner all around.

Compare

1 Kia Soul
Base price: $16,995
Fun to drive and well-designed inside, the Soul offers a choice of two engines.

2 Chevrolet Sonic
Base price:$13,995
Available with 1.8-litre or sporty turbo engine, the Sonic is a great little driver.

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Fast and capable, but V-worthy?

Special delivery. New Cadillac CTS Vsport is bigger inside and out, but less powerful than its V-tagged predecessor

The CTS Vsport's twin-turbo 3.6-litre V6 makes 420 hp, but that's nowhere near the 556 that was in the previous CTS-V, which was also smaller and more athletic-looking. WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM

I know I'm supposed to like this car. I liked the old CTS a lot, so it just makes sense to like the new one.

But with the new ATS also in the family as the entry model, the CTS has grown a bit in size and price. Those are two things about the new car that I really don't like.

Garry doesn't seem to care about that as he steps out from the cockpit. He coaxes me to the front of the car for the light show of the century. He's like a kitten chasing a laser pointer.

"Look at all that going on."

Pretty cool.

Growing a little larger gives the impression that the car is somehow fatter and lazier than before. That's subjective, but what has me rather intrigued is the Vsport name. There's no getting around comparing it to the previous CTS-V. The V in the name is a promise of big and impressive things.

Or is it?

Yes, the Vsport's twin-turbocharged 3.6-litre V6 makes 420 horsepower, but that's nowhere near the 556 that was in the previous CTS-V, which was also smaller and a more athletic-looking car, with the fender lips stretched over the wheels, like a dentist prying at your cheek to do a root canal.

Do a walk-around and it looks like the CTS Vsport is in fact two different cars sewn together at the midpoint. The front is as fantastic and stunning (just ask Garry) as the tail end is plump, with its chunky C pillar and rather long overhang.

The front end of the CTS Vsport is fantastic and stunning.

The tail end is plump, with chunky pillars and a rather long overhang.

Jekyll and Hyde

"Do a walk-around and it looks like the CTS Vsport is in fact two different cars sewn together at the midpoint."

Jeff Melnychuk, wheelbasemedia.com

And the 18-inch wheels and tires look, well, puny on a ride this big.

The inside is interesting, since it's a cosy fit for a car that projects quite a bit more size than before. It's about 10 centimetres longer than the old CTS, with much of that room benefitting rear passengers.

As for the instruments, there actually are none. Everything — and I mean everything — appears on a display screen. You can imagine the design flexibility this provides and I expect this will become the way of the world in the next few years. Here, there are four gauge layouts to choose from.

There's plenty of quality work inside with a mish-mash of carbon-fibre trim, suede, shiny plastic, leather, chrome and various stitching techniques.

The mostly buttonless centre stack is instead adorned with touch-sensitive controls, which have slowish reaction speed and will require removing gloves in winter to operate. Me, I like old-school buttons.

But the real question is whether this car lives up to the V in its name. With its standard eight-speed automatic transmission, it runs to 100 km/h in about 4.7 seconds, and corners somewhere around 0.95 Gs, which is in sports-car territory.

The mostly buttonless interior is dominated by a centre-stack display screen and touch-sensitive controls that are slow to respond.

The throttle response is nowhere near the CTS-V's, with its supercharged Corvette engine. That's to be expected, but the twin-turbo V6 is also better on fuel if you drive in a civilized manner (13.5 L/100 km city and 8.4 highway).

The ultimate question might not even be up to the Vsport to answer, since a higher-performing model is apparently in the works.

And that's a load off for the Vsport, which can instead be a fast and capable $76,000 family sedan — with a great light show, of course.

Eyes front

- **Wow.** Front styling, front light show, muscle-y looking front — there's a theme here. Smooth power, fake gauges that look like the real thing, rear-seat leg room, surprising turning grip.
- **Hmm.** Rear wheels too far forward, so-so rear styling, wheels look small, touch-sensitive centre stack goes too far, $25,000 more than the base CTS?

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Insert design, press print

Autopilot. 3D printer produces a driveable car in just 44 hours, although some assembly is required

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As far as printing jobs go, this one was on the long side — about 44 hours.

But that's understandable, because the printer wasn't just spitting out an English essay or directions from MapQuest. It was a very large 3D printer, and it made a car.

Well, not a complete car, but the complete body of a car. And a completely useable one, too. In fact, it's already moving under its own (electrical) power.

It is the brainchild of Local Motors, a design firm based in Arizona. To prove the point that building 3D cars is both fast and requires considerably fewer parts than a conventional vehicle, Local Motors decided to print the car body, and then attach the 50 or so parts needed to make it run — all in front of a trade-show crowd at the recent International Technology Show in Chicago.

If that's not enough, Local Motors expects the car, called Strati, to go on sale to the U.S. public some time in 2015, priced between $18,000 and $30,000.

Of course, it has yet to pass any crash tests. And, as currently conceived, it would fall under the "neighbourhood" vehicle classification. Strati is a low-speed, two-seat city car that's bigger and better than a golf cart, but not designed for highway use.

Fitted with the electric powertrain from a Renault Twizy, the Srati can go about 100 kilometres on a full charge, and tops out at 80 km/h.

Let's get back to how it was built, with that 3D printer.

Local Motors asked for design proposals that would be printer-friendly, and eventually selected one from Italian designer Michael Anoe. The design sketch was turned into a 3D computer image.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee supplied its large 3D printer for the event and somebody pressed the "go" button.

Instead of toner ink, the printer was fed a finely ground mixture of thermoplastic and carbon fibre. The printer nozzle precisely applied the mixture, one small layer at a time. Even with all those layers, the finished product looks, and is, one piece.

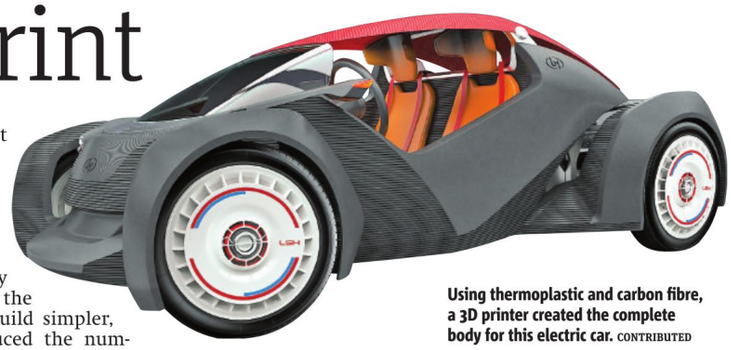
A specially made router was used to smooth the edges of the car for esthetics, and to prepare other sections to accept the mounting hardware.

The post-print assembly took about two days. Local Motors said the opportunity to print many components right into the main body made the overall build simpler, and reduced the number of individual parts.

The complete car has only 40 to 50 parts, compared to a conventional vehicle that has several hundred. (Although let's not forget that the Strati is lacking a few things conventional cars usually offer, such as a roof.)

The printing process also allows for lots of individuality, design possibilities and colour options. It's more or less a case of "insert design, press go."

Local Motors is touting this 3D technology as an industry game changer, which will seriously compress the time it takes to go from simple sketch to finished vehicle.



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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The new moon in your opposite sign of Libra means you can't expect others to automatically follow your lead. They have minds of their own and intend to make use of them today.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may have a natural grasp of how something works but a loved one isn't getting it and it's up to you to help them out. Explain it to them simply.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will get a clear picture in your mind's eye today of what it is you want out of life and what you'll have to do to get it. The question is, do you have the ambition to make it happen?

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
A change of direction will be forced on you over the next few weeks and if you are smart you won't try to fight it. Better times lie just ahead, but first you will need to give up your old ways.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't react in an emotional way to what is a practical problem. Today's new moon will bring signs that you are moving in the right direction but make sure your head rules your heart.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A new moon in the money area of your chart means you can easily find ways to pay what you owe. Don't slack.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The changes you made recently will yield dramatic results over the next few days and you have every right to feel pleased with yourself. Keep moving ahead and raising your sights.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's new moon takes place in the most sensitive area of your chart but there is nothing you should worry about. You may have to give up something you're attached to but it's no longer worth the effort anyway.

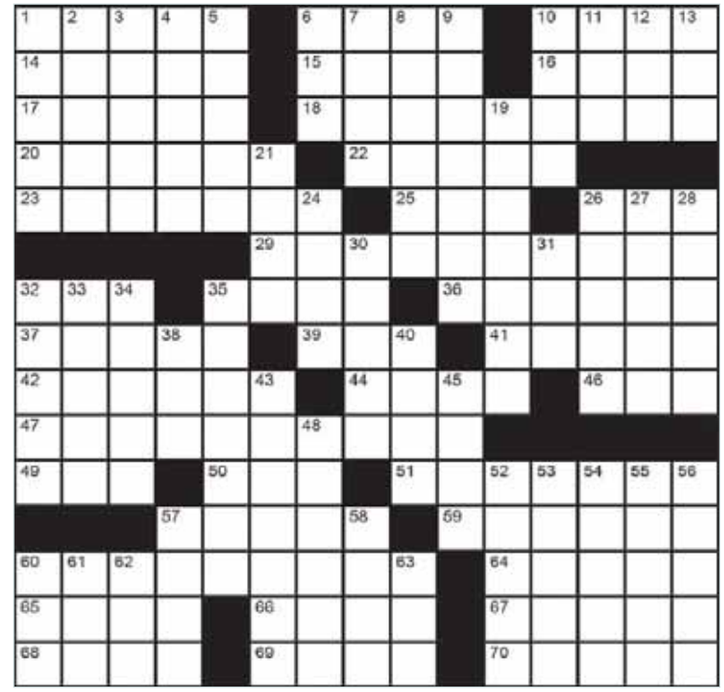
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you can't fix something today then ask for assistance. You have so many friends who will happily help but the first move must come from you.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today's new moon will be good for your social standing and for career matters. However, when dealing with employers, you must be honest about your experience and qualifications.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are in everyone's good books. However, while it may be flattering to be so highly thought of, make sure you live up to what others expect of you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
No matter what problems you have faced in recent weeks they are about played out and after today won't trouble you again.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Leaf-like plant part
6. "...and I've been working like _ __." - The Beatles
10. Sharp-screened syst.
14. Convey
15. South American country
16. __ National Park, BC
17. Symbols
18. "Dancing Under a __ __" ...more at #4-Down!
20. Apartment alternatives [abbr.]
22. Willy __, Death of a Salesman character
23. Firefighting vehicles
25. Neither's colleague
26. Supplement
29. Tiberius or Nero: 2 wds.
32. Order-from-the-couch Canuck network
35. "The Things __ __ for Love" by 10cc
36. "Little __": 1957 hit for Canadian quartet The Diamonds
37. Play it up on stage
39. Fuss
41. Levels
42. Frank __, Montreal-born guitarist of Mahogany Rush
44. Great Lake
46. Rested
47. What gardeners do in Fall: 2 wds.
49. MLB's Cardinals, on scoreboards
50. Road finder
51. Brighter
57. Cheryl and Diane
59. "Remington __"
60. Canada Post's new stamps collection, Great Canadian __
64. SNL alum David
65. __ Sound, ON
66. "Right back __!" (Likewise): 2 wds.
67. Alleviated
68. Acquires
69. Pump part
70. Australian attraction, __ Rock

Down
1. Fanny __, "Funny Girl" (1968) role
2. Type of mil. mission
3. Sing-__
4. Canadian pop group, __ & The Backbeat
5. Mr. Beckford
6. will.i.am's bandmate, __.de.ap
7. Bargain
8. Dec. 1943: Canada takes this ancient town (situated on the Adriatic coast in Italy) from Germany
9. As per #60-Across, Quebec comedy legend, Olivier __ (b.1914 - d.1971)
10. Religious tune
11. Ski-__
12. Howe'er
13. Max Sydow link
19. Do documentary work
21. Parched
24. Carbonated beverage
26. Ms. Macpherson's
27. Ms. Knightley
28. Surrealist artist Max
30. Do runway work
31. Mr. Geller
32. Contract office workers, briefly
33. Deep blue pigment
34. __ reef
35. What Lady Macbeth did in The Scottish Play: 2 wds.
38. Can
40. Spheres
43. Book of __ (Old Testament book)
45. Belief systems
48. New news
52. Where navies battle: 2 wds.
53. Clear debt
54. Needle
55. Respected person
56. Marsh plants
57. Contact's follower
58. AB: __ River, in Fort McMurray
60. Gear tooth
61. Be beholden
62. Fulfilled
63. Mr. Mineo

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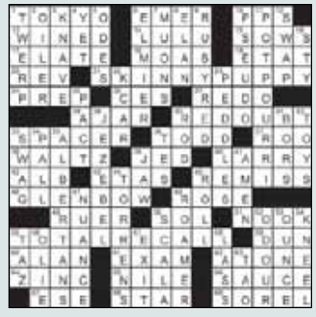

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6					1	9		7
			8			2		
		7	5		3	4		1
2		8	4		9	6		
		3			7			
8		1	9					5
		6		8				4

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	5	1	6	3	9	4	7	2
6	4	7	5	2	8	9	1	3
3	2	9	7	4	1	8	5	6
9	1	2	4	5	6	3	8	7
4	6	5	3	8	7	2	9	1
7	3	8	9	1	2	5	6	4
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HYUNDAI®

6 DAY SALE!

COAST TO COAST

SEPTEMBER 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

GET UP TO $7,500 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ +

UP TO $1,000 IN ADDITIONAL BONUS PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ

COMBINED AMOUNT AVAILABLE ON THE 2014 GENESIS COUPE 3.8L GT

HURRY IN. LIMITED QUANTITIES!

Limited model shown♦

2014 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT

HWY: 7.9L/100 KM
CITY: 11.0L/100 KM▼

WAS UP TO ~~$4,000~~ NOW UP TO $5,000
IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ

2014 HYUNDAI ACCENT

HWY: 5.3L/100 KM
CITY: 7.5L/100 KM▼

WAS UP TO ~~$4,185~~ NOW UP TO $4,500
IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ

GLS model shown♦

2014 Accent "Highest Ranked Small Car in Initial Quality in the U.S.Δ"

SE w/Tech model shown♦

2014 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GT

HWY: 5.8L/100 KM
CITY: 8.5L/100 KM▼

WAS UP TO ~~$3,500~~ NOW UP TO $4,000
IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ

INCREDIBLE OFFERS ON OUR NEW 2015 MODELS

WAS ~~$17,594~~ NOW $14,959‡
+ 0% FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS◊◊

2015 HYUNDAI ELANTRA L

HWY: 6.4L/100 KM
CITY: 8.8L/100 KM▼

Limited model shown♦

2014 Elantra "Highest Ranked Compact Car in Initial Quality in the U.S.Δ"

5 YEAR WARRANTY

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty††
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Emission Warranty

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®The Hyundai names, logos, product names, feature names, images and slogans are trademarks owned by Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. ‡Cash price of $14,959 available on all remaining new in stock 2015 Elantra L Manual models. Prices include Delivery and Destination charges of $1,595.Prices exclude registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, license fees, applicable taxes and dealer admin. fees of up to $499. Fees may vary by dealer. Delivery and Destination charge includes freight, P.D.E. and a full tank of gas. ◊◊Finance offer available O.A.C. from Hyundai Financial Services based on a new 2015 Elantra L 6-Speed Manual with an annual finance rate of 0% for 84 months. Finance offer includes Delivery and Destination charges of $1,595. Finance offer excludes registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, license fees, applicable taxes and dealer admin. fees of up to $499. Fees may vary by dealer. Financing example: 2015 Elantra L 6-Speed Manual for $17,594 at 0% per annum equals $82 bi-weekly for 84 months for a total obligation of $15,419. $495 down payment required. Cash price is $14,959. Cost of Borrowing is $460. Example price includes Delivery and Destination of $1,595. Price excludes registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, license fees, applicable taxes and dealer admin. fees of up to $499. Fees may vary by dealer. ΩPrice adjustments are calculated against the vehicle's starting price. Price adjustments of up to $4,500/$4,000/$5,000/$8,500 available on in stock 2014 Accent 4-Door L Manual/2014 Elantra GT L Manual/2014 Santa Fe Sport 2.0T Limited w/saddle leather/2014 Genesis Coupe 3.8L GT on cash purchases only for September 22-27, 2014 (inclusive). Price adjustments applied before taxes. Offer cannot be combined or used in conjunction with any other available offers. Offer is non-transferable and cannot be assigned. No vehicle trade-in required. ♦Prices of models shown: 2014 Accent 4 Door GLS/2014 Elantra GT SE w/Tech/2014 Santa Fe 2.0T Limited AWD/2015 Elantra Limited are $20,394/$28,394/$40,894/$27,244. Prices include Delivery and Destination charges of $1,595/$1,595/$1,795/$1,595.Prices exclude registration, insurance, PPSA, fees, levies, license fees, applicable taxes and dealer admin. fees of up to $499. Fees may vary by dealer. ▼Fuel consumption for new 2014 Accent 4-Door L (HWY 5.3L/100KM; City 7.5L/100KM); 2014 Elantra GT L Manual (HWY 5.8L/100KM; City 8.5L/100KM); 2014 Santa Fe 2.0T Limited AWD (HWY 7.9L/100KM; City 11.0L/100KM); 2015 Elantra L Manual (HWY 6.4L/100KM; City 8.8L/100KM) are based on Manufacturer Testing. Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. ΔThe Hyundai Accent/Elantra received the lowest number of problems per 100 vehicles among small/compact cars in the proprietary J.D. Power 2014 Initial Quality Study℠ (IQS). Study based on responses from 86,118 new-vehicle owners, measuring 239 models and measures opinions after 90 days of ownership. Propriety study results are based on experiences and perceptions of owners surveyed in February-May 2014. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com. †‡♦ΩOffers available for a limited time and subject to change or cancellation without notice. Dealer may sell for less. Inventory is limited, dealer order may be required. Visit www.hyundaicanada.com or see dealer for complete details. ††Hyundai's Comprehensive Limited Warranty coverage covers most vehicle components against defects in workmanship under normal use and maintenance conditions.